BPL pension to persons less than 65 years

†755. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to provide BPL pension to the persons of less than 65 years of age also;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has completed the survey of the BPL old aged persons;

(d) if so, the total number of old age persons likely to be covered under National Old Age Pension Scheme;

(e) the contribution of the Centre and the State Governments separately in the amount to be received by the beneficiaries under this scheme; and

(f) the date from which the scheme will be implemented by Government?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) A proposal is under consideration to provide pension to persons who are 60 years or higher and belonging to a household below the poverty line according to the criteria prescribed by the Government of India, by lowering the age limit from 65 years to 60 years under Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS).

(c) and (d) State Governments have been advised to identify all the eligible beneficiaries under IGNOAPS. It is estimated that about 157.19 lakh BPL persons who are 65 years or higher will be covered under IGNOAPS.

(e) Rs. 200 per month per beneficiary will be provided to by way of Central Assistance under IGNOAPS. State Governments were urged to contribute equally so that a pensioner could get Rs. 400 per month. The decision about State contribution, however, rests with the State Government.

(f) The IGNOAPS had been launched on 19th November 2007.

Safe drinking water to villages

756. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in various States which do not have safe drinking water available as on date;

(b) the existing and proposed schemes of the Government for making available the safe drinking water to such villages; and

(c) the extent of utilization of the funds under the schemes by the various States during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) Water is a state subject and state governments are responsible for drinking water to the rural areas. To supplement the efforts

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

of the state, financial assistance is rendered to the states through centrally sponsored, Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). The state governments are competent to plan, sanction and implement rural water supply schemes from the funds provided under ARWSP. Under ARWSP, unit of coverage for providing drinking water supply is habitation and not village.

Based on the Habitation Survey-2003 conducted by States, as on 1.4.2007, State-wise status of coverage of habitations with provision of potable drinking water is at Statement-I (*See* below).

(c) State-wise details regarding funds released under ARWSP to the States and expenditure reported during last three years, are at Statement-II.

Statement-I

Status of coverage of habitations with provision of potable drinking water as on 1.4.2007

Sl.	State/UT	Number of rural habitations			
		Not Covered	Partially Covered	Fully Covered	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1,935	23,613	35,948	61,496
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1,809	1,607	1,799	5,215
3.	Assam	26,707	14,566	34,461	75,734
4.	Bihar	18,452	36,813	49,940	1,05,205
5.	Chhattisgarh	3,643	1,848	65,329	70,820
6.	Goa	0	0	331	331
7.	Gujarat	1,263	6,286	27,035	34,584
8.	Haryana	50	1,806	4,672	6,528
9.	Himachal Pradesh	4,613	5,942	17,660	28,215
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	1,887	3,564	6,942	12,393
11.	Jharkhand	12,746	1,923	1,05,341	1,20,010
12.	Karnataka	22	9,704	32,457	42,183
13.	Kerala	291	4,916	6,958	12,165
14.	Madhya Pradesh	6,411	11,326	1,09,299	1,27,036
15.	Maharashtra	1,826	30,171	45,469	77,466
16.	Manipur	NA	NA	NA	NA
17.	Meghalaya	1,389	1,826	6,111	9,326
18.	Mizoram	140	57	569	766
19.	Nagaland	0	856	521	1,377

1	2	3	4	5	6
20.	Orissa	11,759	12,049	1,09,889	1,33,697
21.	Punjab	3,151	3,662	6,890	13,703
22.	Rajasthan	53,748	0	54,020	1,07,768
23.	Sikkim	0	675	1,823	2,498
24.	Tamil Nadu	6,519	25,250	50,018	81,787
25.	Tripura	800	2,212	4,928	7,940
26.	Uttar Pradesh	974	1,722	2,57,358	2,60,081
27.	Uttarakhand	382	5,077	12,852	18,311
28.	West Bengal	4,851	13,137	72,360	90,348
29.	A & N Island	NA	NA	NA	NA
30.	D & N Haveli	0	0	70	70
31.	Daman & Diu	0	0	21	21
32.	Delhi	NA	NA	NA	NA
33.	Lakshadweep	0	7	2	9
34.	Pondichery	0	0	248	248
35.	Chandigarh	0	0	18	18
	TOTAL:	1,65,368	2,20,615	11,21,366	15,07,349

Statement-II

Funds released under ARWSP and expenditure reported by States during last three years

(Amount Rs. in Lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of State	2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
		Release	Expenditure	Release	Expenditure	Release	Expenditure
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Andhra Pradesh	37387.51	29668.16	29586.53	16360.05	33732.34	29324.23
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	7078.97	7645.94	10696.98	10634.50	13883.01	8921.44
3.	Assam	14075.88	9947.42	16573.99	12755.43	15505.69	21664.90
4.	Bihar	9671.86	5929.42	17874.98	7081.74	15799.08	17195.69
5.	Chhattisgarh	2690.41	1567.20	5192.15	2738.50	7652.50	7566.65
6.	Goa	60.61	551.33	189.87	96.08	139.19	161.14
7.	Gujarat	11405.69	7530.42	15149.29	12669.97	20763.11	17962.22
8.	Haryana	2963.81	2730.27	4953.40	2612.54	6681.95	6452.28
9.	Himachal Pradesh	6602.60	5794.03	14373.90	12076.52	16880.03	13195.31
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	15021.51	14841.26	26349.76	18278.97	23664.44	27092.31

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
11.	Jharkhand	3166.21	2104.50	7545.89	4334.99	6004.21	4356.78
12.	Karnataka	19894.13	14361.16	24660.63	21188.05	38786.11	24762.62
13.	Kerala	6324.82	4746.53	7592.30	5316.13	7413.11	6357.35
14.	Madhya Pradesh	12027.38	7794.45	18178.81	15600.98	22784.82	18117.73
15.	Maharashtra	29367.45	20987.50	40629.67	32286.40	40133.52	33156.87
16.	Manipur	2103.00	2506.70	3053.45	845.27	1938.30	2694.82
17.	Meghalaya	3085.58	3201.18	3539.49	3280.87	5211.59	4674.67
18.	Mizoram	2076.96	1891.72	2936.77	2564.11	4450.87	3552.48
19.	Nagaland	2084.83	1583.08	3094.33	1683.81	3110.77	4018.71
20.	Orissa	10437.58	7095.62	16734.55	9847.70	11916.72	12185.23
21.	Punjab	3532.63	2889.26	4961.17	3823.18	5371.63	2790.10
22.	Rajasthan	37078.97	26336.03	55093.15	35903.11	54909.86	72190.18
23.	Sikkim	902.59	798.51	1372.44	1191.59	1721.01	1586.01
24.	Tamil Nadu	16158.57	10215.33	14990.71	9374.62	13595.74	14591.20
25.	Tripura	2443.31	2069.28	3560.15	3255.38	5122.41	4387.05
26.	Uttar Pradesh	16992.37	12605.26	33010.95	18176.12	40040.37	35180.21
27.	Uttarakhand	4070.57	3961.90	7922.12	5709.21	9193.37	6984.71
28.	West Bengal	10304.76	10089.41	17723.45	14323.08	28808.21	22699.93
29.	A & N Island	2037.00	238.45	1750.37	0.00	3.21	0.00
30.	D & N Haveli	52.06	0.00	2.92	0.00	3.33	0.00
31.	Daman & Diu	0.00	0.00	1.97	0.00	2.80	0.00
32.	Delhi	0.00	0.00	7.94	0.00	7.84	0.00
33.	Lakshadweep	0.00	0.00	3.78	0.00	2.69	0.00
34.	Pondichery	100.00	0.00	3.01	0.00	3.61	0.00
35.	Chandigarh	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.01	0.00
	TOTAL:	291199.62	221681.32	409310.86	284008.50	455240.45	423822.81

Migration of rural youth to urban areas

757. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any study in regard to migration of rural youth to urban areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to check such migration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Rural Development has